

## SULZER DENIES

## ELKUS LETTER

Says It Doesn't Bear His Signature—Will Not Comment on Schiff Check Story.

## TO SWITCH PROBE HERE

Frawley Committee to Summon Financiers — Governor Assests He Didn't Violate Election Expense Law.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Albany, July 31.—Governor Sulzer this afternoon denied that he signed the letter to Abram L. Elkus acknowledging the receipt of the check of \$500 for his campaign expenses last fall which was produced yesterday at the hearing before the Frawley investigating committee.

The letter was signed "William Sulzer," but the Governor contends that his signature was put on the letter by one of the men connected with his campaign. It was probably Louis A. Sarecky, the recalcitrant witness of yesterday, who handled the Governor's campaign funds, and who admitted that he had signed the Governor's name at various times.

The members of the Frawley committee place a great deal of significance on the production of the letter to Mr. Elkus, holding that the Governor, in spite of his plea of ignorance concerning his campaign contributions, must have known of the Elkus check, although he did not include it in his sworn statement of election contributions and expenses to the Secretary of State.

The purpose of the Governor's denial to-day was to thwart the contention that the letter of Elkus gave grounds for a charge of violation of the corrupt practices act and the law in reference to election expenses, which is a misdemeanor.

The Governor made no comment concerning the signature "William Sulzer" indorsing the Elkus check, which members of the committee also consider important. He, however, declared that he was not in New York at the time of the receipt of either the Elkus check or the check of \$2,500 from Jacob H. Schiff.

## Schiff Personally Solicited?

Governor Sulzer to-night refused to discuss a report that he had personally solicited the \$2,500 check given by Jacob H. Schiff for the Sulzer campaign fund last fall. He said he would not dignify the story with an answer.

The story which was circulated regarding the check was a very detailed affair. It was as follows:

"Mr. Sulzer called upon Mr. Schiff at his office in New York City last fall, the day after Mr. Schiff wrote to the Congressman congratulating him upon his nomination for Governor. The candidate personally thanked the financier.

"Mr. Schiff asked Mr. Sulzer if there was anything he could do for him, and Mr. Sulzer said that he could help along the campaign fund. Mr. Schiff replied that he would be glad to do so. 'How much do you want to give?' inquired Mr. Sulzer, and Mr. Schiff said that he would contribute \$2,500.

"Is that all you will give? Well, all right," concluded Mr. Sulzer, and he left.

"The next day the Congressman and his confidential secretary, Louis A. Sarecky, called on Mr. Schiff, and the Kuhn, Loeb & Co. check for \$2,500 was given to Mr. Sarecky. Across the face of the check in Mr. Schiff's own handwriting these words were written:

"Mr. Schiff's contribution toward William Sulzer's campaign expenses."

## Difference in Signatures.

At the hearing yesterday it was brought out that the signatures, supposedly of the Governor, on the Elkus check and on the letter to Mr. Elkus were in different handwriting.

Governor Sulzer further holds that even though he did not include the names of certain contributors in the

## NEVER SAW SULZER'S

## BAGMAN, SAYS MURPHY

Wants Governor to Tell What He Knows—Boss of Wigwam Will Testify if Asked.

Senator James J. Frawley, chairman of the legislative committee which is investigating Governor Sulzer, will receive a letter to-day from Charles F. Murphy, in which the leader of Tammany Hall directs him to request the Governor to furnish to the committee any information he has as to Murphy's misconduct in relation to campaign contributions. The letter, which was sent last night, says also that Murphy will appear for examination before the Frawley committee at any time he is wanted. The letter follows: "This morning's papers report Governor Sulzer as saying that 'large contributions from the contractors, the officeholders, the special interests and prominent Democrats interested in the campaign were made through the bagman direct to Mr. Murphy.' "These insinuations are untrue. If Governor Sulzer has any information as to misconduct on my part relating to campaign contributions, I request him to furnish it to your committee, and I will appear for examination at any time."

## ASCH BUILDING SUBPENAS

## Four Fire Violations Charged Where 144 Died.

Four violations of the fire prevention laws were found yesterday afternoon in the Asch Building, at No. 23 Washington Place, where 144 persons met their death in the fire in the factory of the Triangle Waist Company three years ago, according to Inspector Otto Mendel, of the Fire Prevention Bureau, who went to the building unannounced. As a result of his visit four subpoenas, returnable this morning in the Jefferson Market court, were served.

In the hallway, the inspector alleged, he found Louis Brill, an elevator boy, smoking a cigarette. The first subpoena was served on him. Mendel then went to a loft occupied by Meyers, Crown & Wallach, clothing manufacturers, and found that two doors leading to fire escapes were locked, just as it was shown in the investigation following the Triangle fire that similar doors were locked. Henry Wallach, a member of the firm, was served with a summons.

In a ninth floor loft occupied by Levy & Rosenthal, clothing manufacturers, where fifty girls were employed, the door leading to the fire escape was locked. Louis Levy, father of Albert, a member of the firm, was smoking a cigar when the inspector called, it was said. The younger Levy and his father were served with subpoenas.

## SYMPATHETIC APPENDICITIS

## Theodore Frelinghuysen and His Sister Both Stricken.

While Theodore Frelinghuysen, of No. 15 West 47th street, was undergoing an operation for appendicitis in St. Luke's Hospital yesterday morning, to which he had come from his summer home at Tuxedo Park, his sister, Mrs. Henry Winthrop Park, likewise was seized with an attack of appendicitis at her home, at Newport, and hurried to the Newport Hospital.

The coincidence of the two attacks was the more remarkable since neither Mr. Frelinghuysen nor Mrs. Gray knew of the plight of the other until after the operations yesterday. That on Mr. Frelinghuysen was highly successful, and his rapid recovery was predicted last night.

The appearance of his illness was so sudden that none of the servants at his town house had heard of it, although it was understood that he had called there on his way to the hospital on Thursday afternoon. He went to the institution unattended. Mrs. Gray recovered from her operation and spent a quiet night.

## ELEVEN TO MOTHER 1,000

## 38,500,000 Chances for Flushing to Eat Crabs.

Eleven female crabs, each carrying 3,500,000 eggs, it was estimated, were liberated yesterday in the waters of Flushing Creek, Flushing, under the direction of Charles E. Quinlan, of the fisheries committee of the Business Men's Association of Flushing.

The crabs were provided by the state hatcheries at Cold Spring, Long Island, which also made the estimates as to the number of eggs for which each female crab is supposed to be responsible. It is expected that one million crab fry and one thousand adult blue crabs will be added to the Flushing Creek stock.

The fishermen of Flushing by this means hope to restock the waters in that vicinity, where in recent years the crabs and fish have been killed off by oils and chemicals from factories.

## SETS CASH ABOVE FAME

## Wagner Says Museum May Have His Suit for 15 "Bucks."

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Pittsburgh, July 31.—Honors Wagner, famed exponent of baseball, now refuses to be placed in the position of having his uniform "accepted" by the Carnegie Museum, as though it were something that had to be offered.

When asked by a friend whether he would present his baseball suit to the museum, after he is through with it, he said: "Well, if the Carnegie Museum wants to pay me \$15 for my suit, I guess they can have it. I have only two suits; one is in the laundry while I am playing in the other one, and they are worth \$15 apiece. I haven't thought about donating any uniform to the museum, so if they want one they'll have to come across with the fifteen bucks."

## STOLEN GEMS

## SOUGHT HERE

Narragansett Pier Robbers Expected to Try to Dispose of Loot to Jewellers.

## ONE SERVANT SUSPECTED

Mrs. Hanan Scouts Detectives' Theory—Amateur Sleuths Swarm to the Scene of the Recent Thefts.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., July 31.—The jewels stolen from the summer home of Charles Cary Rumsey and John H. Hanan are being sought in New York, Boston and other cities where big transactions in precious stones are not uncommon. Large dealers in diamonds have been cautioned against dealing with strangers who have jewelry of great value for sale.

This move is taken to indicate a belief that the thieves have left town with their booty and have covered their immediate tracks. It is believed, however, that they will not long resist the temptation to realize on their stealings. The police throughout the country have been asked to watch the pawn shops, but not much is expected from this source. The detectives are pretty well satisfied that the robberies are the work of an expert gang who are too shrewd to do business with pawn shops and who depend rather on making sales to large houses dealing in gems on such a scale that their sales would not attract attention.

## Mysterious Automobile Seen.

One of those who saw the automobile which detectives believe figured in the Rumsey robbery was Mrs. Daniel Marvin, a young widow, whose husband was a victim of the Titanic disaster, and who is now staying with her aunt, Mrs. Wheelock, in a cottage near that of the Rumseys. Mrs. Marvin gave a marshmallow roast on the rocks in front of the cottage last Saturday night, and she and members of the party were returning from the shore shortly before midnight when they came upon an automobile standing unlighted in the Fork Road.

According to their description the machine was a long gray touring car. A woman, who was sitting in the back seat, was the only occupant, but two men appeared and hastily climbed into the car. One of the Marvin party shouted "Who are you?" and received the answer in a gruff voice, "None of your business!" as the automobile shot away down the Fork Road.

In regard to the loss of Mrs. Ives' necklace at the Casino on Saturday night, it is now said that the necklace was removed from her neck while she was promenading in the Casino gardens between dances.

A petition with a view to procuring better police protection for Narragansett Pier was signed to-day by the following cottagers: Mrs. John C. Poor, of Washington; Mrs. John H. Hanan, of New York; Dr. Archibald G. Thompson, William E. Thompson, Dr. C. M. Sinnickson, Joseph Ledy and Joseph Rozengarten, of Philadelphia, and Francis S. Dewey, of Worcester, Mass.

When the detectives began work on the Hanan case they declared that it was an "inside" job. But when a day later the Rumsey cottage was entered the police modified their views and thought they saw the hand of the experienced thief. At the same time Mrs. Hanan refused to entertain a suspicion against the twenty-two servants in her employ, all of whom, with the exception of two Japanese butlers, who came to her well recommended three months ago, have been in her service for many years.

## New Theory of Thefts.

To-day, however, she admitted that it was quite possible that some of these servants had made acquaintances and thoughtlessly gave information that was later turned to account.

The selection of pieces at Mrs. Hanan's is also believed to have been deliberate, eliminating an earlier theory that it was a hurried job. Mrs. Hanan pointed out to-night that the thieves pushed aside a magnificent string of India pearls that could not have been disposed of without attracting attention and suspicion. At the same time they took several stickpins belonging to Mr. Hanan, who was lying ill in an adjoining room, and a sapphire ring owned by his son, Talbot Smith Hanan. Nothing containing diamonds was overlooked. The stones could be removed from these smaller articles and with the other diamonds and pearls easily disposed of. Mrs. Hanan believes that the thieves had learned of the secret drawer in her bureau, and that its fastenings did not long deceive them.

The robberies and the hunt of the detectives are not without their amusing features. Besides the men employed on the case, at least a score of professional and amateur detectives have arrived in town in search of employment. Some of these have waylaid acquaintances of the families and have endeavored to obtain contributions to the strength of their claimed ability to ferret out criminals. These men have not hesitated to criticize the methods of the detectives engaged, and several of them feel sure that they could solve the riddle forthwith.

"Mr. Hanan is still very ill," Mrs. Hanan said this afternoon, "and I have

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## DEMOCRATS SPLIT

## ON MEXICO POLICY

Senators and Representatives Differ from President as to the Right Course to Follow.

## OUTLOOK ALARMS LEADERS

They Do Not Share the Optimistic Views of Mr. Wilson and Are Quietly Preparing for Possible Trouble.

[From the Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, July 31.—The rapidly increasing divergence of opinion between the White House and the Capitol regarding the course which should be pursued with regard to Mexico constituted the chief development of the Mexican situation here to-day.

Senators, without regard to party, are strongly impressed with the arguments of Henry Lane Wilson, the present American Ambassador, and believe his advice should be adopted. One of them, a Democrat, said to-day:

"No decent American likes even to appear to condone a murder, or to aid a man who gained power by murder, but I, for one, would infinitely prefer to condone the murder of a dead Mexican to sanctioning the murder of thousands of American boys, and that is what intervention would mean. I regard the recognition of the Huerta regime as a last and a sad expedient, but one which ought to be tried, and there are many of my colleagues who agree with me."

President Wilson, on the other hand, has made it clear that he will not tolerate the suggestion of recognition of Huerta; that neither his judgment nor his analysis of the situation has been in the slightest degree influenced by the representations of Ambassador Wilson; that he still pins his hope to some form of mediation; that some definite policy is rapidly forming in his mind, but that, in the mean time, he has hope that "wise counsel" will prevail in Mexico and that the United States will be spared even the necessity of intervention, and, finally, that he regards the situation with a far larger share of optimism than do his party colleagues in Congress.

## Wilson May Not Go Back.

The President, who, with Secretary Bryan, was not well pleased by the calling of Henry Lane Wilson before the Committee on Foreign Relations, has permitted it to become known that there is at least serious doubt whether Mr. Wilson will return to Mexico City as ambassador.

Representative Flood, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, of which he is chairman, has requested Ambassador Wilson to appear before that committee, the members of the House may hear at first hand the presentation of the views which made so strong an impression on the members of the Senate.

Senators reiterated to-day their declaration that Ambassador Wilson gave them the first comprehensive and intelligent description of conditions in Mexico which they have been able to obtain, and several of them expressed the conviction that, for some unaccountable reason, information which had been sent to the Department of State by the ambassador and by consular officers had failed to reach the President, or, reaching him, had been in such form as to fall far short of conveying an adequate conception of the situation.

It is obvious that the basis for the wide divergence of view between the President and his colleagues in Congress is the optimistic view entertained by the former, as compared with the gravely pessimistic view of the latter. That the leaders in Congress entertain serious alarm over the situation and put little hope in the success of any form of mediation is demonstrated by the various steps looking to preparedness for the worst which are being taken at the Capitol, although they are attended with all the secrecy with which it is possible to surround them.

## President Really Optimistic.

That the President in deprecating any expressions in the public prints which seemed to emphasize the gravity of the situation was inspired by anxiety lest too frank discussion might of itself aggravate that gravity, and so felt it his duty to minimize the seriousness of the conditions, has been the impression generally entertained by those whose duty it is to make known the President's views. During the last twenty-four hours, however, the President has made it perfectly plain that he is actually imbued with the optimism he has sought to inspire. Whether the President realizes the extent to which the legislators differ with him is not made clear.

Discussing recently the fact that certain foreign powers had communicated to this government the views of their diplomatic representatives in the City of Mexico, the President has assured his friends that there was nothing formal about these communications and that the respective governments were careful to make it clear that they were merely conveying information and not expressing opinions of their own.

Some of those who have made a considerable study of foreign relations assert that in this respect the President attaches undue importance to the niceties of diplomatic language, and that he fails to appreciate that the

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## MITCHEL FOR MAYOR; WHITMAN RENOMINATED

JOHN PURROY MITCHEL.



Port Collector Is Named for Mayoralty After Ninth Ballot by Committee of 107, in Fifth Avenue Building.

## VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS

Amid Great Excitement McAneny Men Divide Between Whitman and Mitchel in the Ninth.

## PRICE MOVES FINAL VOTE

Entire City Ticket, Headed by Mitchel, Is Chosen Quickly, with McAneny for President of Aldermen.

## THE FUSION TICKET.

For Mayor, JOHN PURROY MITCHEL.  
For Controller, WILLIAM A. PRENDERGAST.  
For President Board of Aldermen, GEORGE McANENY.  
For President Borough Manhattan, MARCUS M. MARKS.  
For President Borough Brooklyn, LEWIS H. POUNDS.  
For President Borough Bronx, CYRUS C. MILLER.  
For President Borough Queens, ROBERT W. HIGBIE.  
For President Borough Richmond, GEORGE CROMWELL.  
For District Attorney, CHARLES S. WHITMAN.

## HOW BALLOTS WENT FOR

## FUSION NOMINATION.

Ballot	Mitchel	Whitman	McAneny
First	32	29	28
Second	34	27	27
Third	34	29	25
Fourth	34	31	23
Fifth	34	33	21
Sixth	36	32	20
Seventh	36	32	20
Eighth	35	32	21
Ninth	45	43	0

Vote unanimous for Mitchel after the ninth ballot.

John Purroy Mitchel was selected by the fusion committee as its nominee for Mayor a few minutes after 2 o'clock this morning.

After the nomination of Mitchel the secretary of the meeting was instructed to cast a single ballot for the ticket which he headed.

Mitchel's selection came after the ninth ballot, when he got 45 votes, to 43 for Charles S. Whitman. Without another ballot the nomination was made unanimous on motion of Joseph M. Price, the McAneny manager.

The taking of the ninth and deciding ballots created a veritable riot in the meeting, and because of the excitement it took over a half hour to count the vote.

After the ticket had been nominated it was voted that the Executive Committee should have the power of naming the judiciary and county ticket and the getting up of petitions. The platform was then passed and the meeting closed. The Executive Committee will meet next Tuesday afternoon.

In the first roll call on the ninth ballot the voting proceeded practically along the same lines as had the previous ballot, when McAneny still retained his block of twenty-one votes, but before the vote was announced there came the long expected break in the ranks of the McAneny men, and they began to jump up all over the room, with demands that their votes be changed.

## First Drift to Whitman.

The first drift of this receding McAneny wave was all in favor of Whitman, and the Mitchel men yelled demands at Chairman Hapgood that he announce the vote as it was taken and prohibit the McAneny men from changing their votes.

Pounding his gavel on the desk for order, Hapgood announced that he would rule that any man could change his vote before the vote was announced, and the Mitchel men yelled back that he was using unfair tactics and called for an announcement of the vote.

Hapgood stood firm, however, refused to announce the vote, and accepted all properly announced changes. Henry L. Stimson called for a new rollcall, as the best method of clearing things up, but declared at the same time that any man had the right to change his vote before the vote was announced.

On the first ballot Mitchel got 23 votes, Whitman 29 and McAneny 28. With a single speech, by William M. Ivins, intervening the committee took the second ballot, which resulted as follows: Mitchel, 34; Whitman, 27; McAneny, 27.

Two Whitman votes on the first ballot—Norman Hapgood, chairman of the committee, and Dr. William J. Schieffelin—went over to Mitchel. Both have been strong Whitman men, and their quick shift on the second ballot was put down as an obvious move de-

## GET GUNMAN AT GRAVE OF SLAIN GANGSTER

## Police Arrest John H. Moore After Burial of Edward Dempsey in Calvary Cemetery.

As John Henry Moore was leaving the grave of a companion in arms in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, the hand of the law, which he had eluded since the death of Harry Larkin, in December, 1911, fell on his shoulder. The detectives had been at his heels for several hours, but waited until after the service to place him under arrest on a charge of murder.

The man who was buried was Edward Dempsey, of No. 612 Avenue A. Dempsey, who was only nineteen years old, was shot in a battle Sunday morning at No. 319 West 41st street, when his gang stopped an invasion by a gang from the East Side. Detective George Henning, who ran up when the light started, was made a target for several shots, and when he returned the fire the gangsters scattered.

After the affair, three men lay on the ground. They were taken to New York Hospital, where it was soon found that Dempsey had been mortally hurt. That afternoon, Detective Patrick Flood went to see him, in the hope of obtaining the name of his assailant. Dempsey said he would tell in a month who had shot him, but upon being assured that he was dying, turned to his wife and warned her not to tell the police anything.

At the wake Tuesday night, the police saw John Moore, who was under indictment for the murder of Joseph Larkin. He had slipped through their fingers a month before when they had found him at work in a freight yard of the Erie Railroad, and although detectives had seen him enter the house, he departed unseen, and it was surmised that he had escaped over the back fence.

When the funeral started down Avenue A yesterday afternoon there were nine carriages, but another soon attached itself quietly to the rear. In this tenth coach were Acting Captain Conney and Detectives Daniel Moriarty, Thomas Dolan, Finn, Flood and Forbes. The tenth coach entered the churchyard with the others and stopped in its place at the end of the line. Moore got out of a carriage at the head of the procession and went into the church.

Without going inside the detectives kept watch of Moore through the windows and followed him to the grave, but they did not interfere until all was concluded. As the mourners were departing Moore got into the ninth carriage with three other men. Detectives Dolan and Flood opened the door and ordered Moore to come out. Moore reached for his hip pocket and the others in the carriage ducked. The detectives grabbed Moore's hand in which there was a loaded revolver.

Harry Larkin, for whose death Moore was indicted, was shot at a dance at No. 403 West 26th street on December 10, 1911. The dance was for the benefit of a prisoner in the Tombs. The police thought they had caught Moore last November at 177th street and Jerome avenue, but he slipped through their fingers. Moore lived formerly in Grove street, Hoboken. He is twenty-two years old, and is catalogued in the Rogues' Gallery as No. 14,745.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER. 50c per case of 6 glass-stoppered bottles. Advt.

## BOY TO SUE J. P. MORGAN

## Seeks Return for Injuries Received in Auto Accident.

Solomon Kunster, of No. 1486 First avenue, was appointed in the Supreme Court yesterday as guardian of his nineteen-year-old son, Jacob Kunster, that he might bring suit in his behalf against J. P. Morgan for injuries which the boy received when he was knocked down by Mr. Morgan's automobile.

The accident occurred on June 2 at Third avenue and 52d street, and Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, sister of Mr. Morgan and wife of the former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and a party of friends were in the car when it occurred.

## AUTO FALLS 100 FEET

## Banker Saves Wife and Boy as Car Chutes Down Cliff.

A quick leap from the tonneau of his car, from which he dragged his wife and a young boy, their guest, barely saved the life of Frank Sakser, a private banker in Cortlandt street, when his automobile backed over a cliff off Highland Boulevard, East New York, last night. The automobile fell one hundred feet to the bottom of the incline, where it lodged, a wreck, in a pile of rocks.

The banker, his wife and the boy, their guest on a trip to Coney Island, were on the way to the Sakser home, at Hollis, Long Island, when the chauffeur began having trouble with the clutch of the car.

The automobile was brought to a stop, and while the chauffeur was experimenting with the mechanism the car suddenly started backward. As Sakser leaped out, carrying Mrs. Sakser and the boy with him, the chauffeur jumped and the car disappeared over the embankment.

## CAR HITS BUGGY; 2 DYING

## Women Faint When Accident Happens in The Bronx.

Two men were fatally injured last night when a Westchester avenue trolley car crashed into a buggy at Union avenue, The Bronx. The men, who were riding in the buggy, were taken to Lebanon Hospital. Both were unconscious. The horse ran away and was not caught.

The men are William Ferguson, twenty years old, of No. 528 Jackson avenue, and August Charbonier, twenty-one years old, of No. 552 Washington avenue. Coroner Healy went to the hospital to take their antemortem statements, if possible.

## BOY DROWNS; CHUM SAVED

## Only Two Hundred Feet from Shore, but Tide Baffles Him.

Robert Meehan, sixteen years old, and his chum, John O'Neil, thirteen, waded in the shallow channels of Gravesend Bay yesterday morning and were caught on a shoal when the swiftly rushing tide came back. The boys were 200 feet from the main shore at the foot of Bay 49th street when they began to swim for life. They were borne away by the strong flow. Meehan was drowned.

Bartholomew Deming and Howard Darling, sixteen years old, boys from Manhattan, plunged into the water and struck out for O'Neil, whom they rescued just as he was sinking for the third time. They brought him ashore and started resuscitation. Though the rescuers were ignorant of first aid, they kept young O'Neil alive until the arrival of Dr. Stiecker, of the Coney Island Hospital, who brought the boy around. Meehan's body has not been recovered.